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under § 710.4(b) and part 720 of this chapter.

(b) *Designation of State agency.* In order to receive a grant for reimbursements for costs of enforcing performance standards during the initial regulatory program, the Governor of a State shall designate in writing one agency to submit grant applications, receive and administer grants under this part.

(c) *Periods covered by reimbursement grants.* An agency may apply for a reimbursement grant for any period during the initial regulatory program and for a reasonable start-up period beginning no later than August 3, 1977.

§ 725.12 Coverage of grants.

An agency may use grant money under this part to cover costs in excess of the base program for administering and enforcing the initial regulatory program. The Director or his authorized designee shall determine the base program from the State fiscal year budget in effect on August 3, 1977. Costs of the following items are eligible for reimbursement—

(a) Incorporation of the initial performance standards of this chapter in new permits issued by the State.

(b) Modification of existing permits to include the initial performance standards of this chapter.

(c) Additional inspections required to enforce the initial performance standards of this chapter.

(d) Inspections which are more detailed than inspections before the initial regulatory program.

(e) Responses to complaints related to the initial performance standards of this chapter.

(f) Enforcement actions required to secure compliance with the initial performance standards of this chapter.

(g) Additional administrative activities and supporting costs related to hiring additional inspectors and other personnel, revising permits, conducting inspections, preparing, copying and submitting reports required by part 720, and submitting applications for reimbursement grants under this part.

(h) Additional equipment required for inspection or support of inspections, as follows:

(1) An agency may charge any required item of equipment to the grant on a use bases in accordance with the principles set forth in Federal Management Circular 74-4, "Cost principles applicable to grants and contracts with State and local governments" (34 CFR part 255).

(2) An agency may purchase equipment, with grant funds where cost recovery through use charges is prohibited, made impractical or more costly than purchase by existing State laws or procedures.

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§ 725.13 Amount of grants.

The Office shall pay up to 100 percent of the costs to the agency in excess of the base program for administering and enforcing the performance standards during the initial regulatory program.

§ 725.14 Grant periods.

The Director or his authorized designee shall normally approve a grant for a period of one year or less. OSM shall fund a program that extends over more than one year by consecutive annual grants or amendments to the existing grant.

[47 FR 38490, Aug. 31, 1982]

§ 725.15 Grant application procedures.

(a) The agency may submit its application (three copies) for a grant to the Director or his authorized designee at least sixty days prior to the beginning of the intended grant period, or as soon thereafter as possible.

(b) The agency shall use the application forms and procedures applicable to non-construction and/or construction programs specified by OSM in accordance with Office of Management and Budget Circular No. A-102, "Uniform administrative requirements for grants-in-aid to State and local governments" (42 FR 45828). No preapplication is required. Each application must include the following:

(1) Part I, Application Form coversheet, SF 424.

(2) Part II, Project Approval Information.

(i) For non-construction grants use Form OSM-50A, Project Approval Information—Section A.

(ii) For construction grants use Form OSM-50A, Project Approval Information—Section A and Form OSM-50B, Project Approval Information—Section B.

(3) Part III, Budget Information.

(i) For non-construction grants use Form OSM-47, Budget Information Report, with a narrative explanation of computations.

(ii) For construction grants use Form OSM-48, Budget Information—Construction with a narrative explanation of computations.

(4) Part IV, Program Narrative Statement, Form OSM-51, providing the narrative for the goals to be achieved for both construction and non-construction grants.

(i) Form OSM-51 is supplemented by completion of column 5A of Forms OSM-51A and OSM-51B which reports the quantitative program management information of the Interim Regulatory grants.

(ii) Form OSM-51 is supplemented by completion of Column 5A of Form OSM-51C which reports the quantitative program management information of the Small Operator Program Administration and Operational grants.

(5) Part V, The standard assurance for non-construction activities or construction activities as specified in Office of Management and Budget Circular No. A-102, Attachment M.

(c) The agency shall include sufficient information to enable the Director or his authorized designee to determine the agency's base program and increases over the base program eligible for reimbursement grants. The agency shall include the following information, plus any other relevant data:

(1) A summary of the State permit, inspection and enforcement program prior to the addition of the requirements of the Act of 1977, including—

(i) Permit requirements and the system for issuing permits;

(ii) Mining-and-reclamation plan requirements;

(iii) Coverage and frequency of inspections;

(iv) Actions required to enforce mining and reclamation requirements;

(v) The number and nature of responses to complaints; and

(vi) Other regulatory activities and related administrative functions affected by the performance standards of the initial regulatory program of this chapter.

(2) A statement of the number of employees and annual budget required to carry out functions described in paragraph (c)(1) of this section.

(3) A copy of all State constitutional, statutory and regulatory provisions applicable to the enforcement and administration of the initial regulatory program.

(4) An opinion of the State's chief legal officer as to whether and to what extent the State is authorized to enforce and administer the initial regulatory program.

(5) A statement of the additional work required to enforce the initial regulatory program for each of the agency activities described in paragraph (c)(1) of this section.

(6) The additional staff and funds required for the increased workload described in paragraph (c)(5) of this section.

(7) The number and types of major equipment (equipment with a unit acquisition cost of \$500 or more and having a life of more than two years) which the agency plans to purchase with grant funds.

(d) The Director or his authorized designee may waive the resubmission of information required by paragraphs (c) (1), (2), (3) and (4) of this section in applications for the following grants.

(e) The Director or his authorized designee shall notify the agency within thirty days after the receipt of a complete application, or as soon thereafter as possible, whether it is or is not approved. If the application is not approved, the Director or his authorized designee shall set forth in writing the reasons it is not approved, and may propose modifications if appropriate. The agency may resubmit the application within thirty days. The Director or his authorized designee shall process

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the revised application as an original application.

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§ 725.16 Grant agreement.

(a) If a Director or his authorized designee approves an agency's grant application, the Director or his authorized designee shall prepare a grant agreement which includes—

(1) The approved scope of the program to be covered by the grant, including functions to be accomplished by other agencies.

(2) The base program budget and estimated costs in excess of the base program.

(3) The amount of the grant.

(4) Commencement and completion dates for the segment of the program covered by this grant and for major phases of the program to be completed during the grant period.

(5) Permissible transfers of funds to other State agencies.

(b) The Director or his authorized designee shall limit grants under this part to the additional costs to an agency for administering and enforcing the initial regulatory program.

(c) The Director or his authorized designee may permit the agency to assign functions and funds to other State agencies. The Director or his authorized designee shall require the grantee agency to retain responsibility for overall administration of the grant, including use of funds, accomplishment of functions and reporting.

(d) Except as may be provided by the grant agreement, costs may not be incurred prior to the execution of the agreement.

(e) The Director or his authorized designee shall transmit four copies of the grant agreement, by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the agency for signature. The agency shall execute the grant agreement and return all copies within 3 calendar weeks after receipt, or within an extension of such time that may be granted by the Director or his authorized designee.

(f) The Director or his authorized designee shall sign the grant agreement upon its return from the agency and return one copy to the agency. The grant is effective and constitutes an

obligation of Federal funds in the amount and for the purposes stated in the grant agreement at the time the Director or his authorized designee signs the agreement.

(g) Neither the approval of a program nor the award of any grant will commit or obligate the United States to award any continuation grant or to enter into any grant amendment, including grant increases to cover cost overruns.

§ 725.17 Grant amendments.

(a) A grant amendment is a written alteration to the grant amount, grant terms or conditions, budget or period, or other administrative, technical, or financial agreement whether accomplished on the initiative of the agency or the Director or his authorized designee or by mutual action of the agency and the Director or his authorized designee.

(b) The agency shall promptly notify the Director or his authorized designee in writing of events or proposed changes which require a grant amendment, such as:

(1) Rebudgeting;

(2) Changes which may affect the approved scope or objective of a program; or

(3) Changes which may increase or substantially decrease the total cost of a program.

(c) The Director or his authorized designee shall approve or disapprove each proposed amendment within 30 days of receipt, or as soon thereafter as possible, and shall notify the agency in writing of the approval or disapproval of the amendment.

(d) The date the Director or his authorized designee signs the grant amendment establishes the effective date of the action. If no time period is specified in the grant amendment then the amendment applies to the entire grant period.

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§ 725.18 Grant reduction and termination.

(a) *Conditions for reduction or termination.* (1) If an agency fails to carry out its responsibilities pursuant to § 710.4(b) and part 720 of this chapter